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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests continued examination of the above-captioned patent application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, and in support thereof provides the following submission of an amendment and remarks regarding the examiner's final rejection. The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is enclosed, as is a fee for one additional independent claim, and a petition for a two month extension of time and an appropriate fee for that extension. Withdrawal of the final rejection, consideration of the amendment, and allowance of the application are hereby requested.